

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the month of April has been designated National Autism Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** autism is a complex developmental disability, resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to process sensory information, often resulting in severe social, communication and language deficits; and
- WHEREAS,** autism is the fastest growing developmental disability; the prevalence of autism has risen to 1 in every 110 births in the United States and almost 1 in 70 boys; and
- WHEREAS,** a cure for autism has not been found, yet persons with autism can be helped to reach their potential. Accurate, early diagnosis, and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and
- WHEREAS,** autism requires increased research and education so that one day everyone can access appropriate treatments and services; and
- WHEREAS,** greater recognition and understanding is necessary to ensure that individuals with autism living in Alameda and all other Americans with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Alameda's Commission on Disability Issues was established to provide information and make recommendations to the City Council regarding disability issues and serve as a liaison between the City Council and Alameda's disabled community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011, as

Autism Awareness Month

in the City of Alameda and urge all residents to join me in commemorating this occasion.

Marie L. Gilmore
Mayor